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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECOM Members
Chairman, Physical Security Working Group

FROM:

Chairman

SUBJECT: Community Physical Security Against Terrorism and Other
Attacks (U)

1. On 19 April 1984, the Director, Intelligence Community Staff (D/ICS), provided the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence preliminary findings on the physical security posture of Community facilities world-wide against terrorism and other attacks. The findings included summary and detailed information on facilities subject to the several major National Foreign Intelligence Programs. Much of this is multicompartmented and not available for general dissemination. The D/ICS observed that:

a. No standards or measurements have been established to provide benchmarks for judging the adequacy/shortfalls/weaknesses in physical security posture:

- (1) There is no clear statement of the threat against facilities;
- (2) Given some level of threat, there is no means to judge adequacy or value of additional protective efforts;
- (3) The randomness of the terrorist threat complicates calculation of the probability that any facility will be attacked; and
- (4) Increased protective measures may raise the profiles of some facilities to unacceptable levels.

b. Host/tenant relationships complicate any solution.

c. The Community may not be doing all it can within budgetary levels to identify shortfalls and begin corrective action. (S/NF)

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2. The D/ICS also advised that he was referring this matter to the Security Committee to "undertake a complete review of the physical security posture of the Community with primary focus on terrorist and other physical attacks" and to recommend "Community-wide goals and standards to be achieved to improve our posture." (S)

3. The Chairman, Physical Security Working Group, is requested to develop a proposed plan of action with milestones for the SECOM on this matter, for report to the SECOM at its June meeting. SECOM members are requested to provide information and support on this matter to [redacted] Members are requested to provide [redacted] copies of or references to any threat statements known to them and copies of or references to any policy or procedural guidance bearing on physical security against terrorist attacks of U.S. facilities worldwide which house intelligence personnel and activities. Also, members are requested to identify to [redacted] points of contact in their departments or agencies who have experience in this area and who could assist in this important SECOM effort. (S)

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cc: DD/ICS
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